

known, the only institution in Britain at present offering training facilities is the Kodak School of Engineering Radiography, Wealdstone, Harrow, Middlesex. Advice on the use of gamma-radiography (demonstrations are given) may be obtained from the Superintendent of Radiology Research, Ministry of Supply, Armament Research Establishment, Woolwich, London, S.E.18, and also from the Director, National Physical Laboratory, Teddington, Middlesex.

Gasteromycetes of Greenland

MORTEN LANGE has published a critical survey of the Gasteromycetes found in Greenland prior to the expedition of 1946 (*Medd. Grønland*, 147, No. 4, pp. 32-44 pl. København: C. A. Reitzels Forlag, 1948. Kl. 2.00). Thirteen species are described in detail. Most of them have European or North American affinities, though *Calvatia tatrensis* var. *groenlandica* is practically confined to Greenland. Some earlier records are reviewed, and their naming compared with modern standards.

University of Birmingham: Appointments

THE following announcements have been recently made in the University of Birmingham. The title of reader in renal physiology has been conferred on J. A. Barclay, lecturer in physiology. *Appointments*: F. J. Dyson to be research fellow in mathematical physics; J. T. Allanson to be lecturer in electrical engineering; B. H. Pethica to be lecturer in pharmacology; R. J. Boscott to be lecturer in endocrine chemistry. *Resignations*: Dr. H. B. Whittington, lecturer in geology, on appointment as visiting lecturer in geology at Harvard University; C. D. Cruikshank, lecturer in bacteriology, on appointment as assistant pathologist at the Selly Oak Hospital; S. Harper, lecturer in metallurgy, on appointment as research fellow at the University of Chicago; M. A. Preston, assistant lecturer in mathematical physics, on appointment as assistant professor in the Department of Physics, University of Toronto; P. L. Adams, lecturer in mining, on appointment as senior lecturer in charge of mining in the University of Sydney; S. R. Cornick, a member of the physics technical staff for thirty years and steward of the Department since 1937, on appointment as chief technical officer to the Australian National University at Canberra.

Institute of Metals

THE Institute of Metals has appointed the following to be honorary corresponding members for their respective countries: *Spain*, Prof. J. Orland, professor and chief of the Department of Metallography and Strength of Materials, Instituto Católico de Artes e Industrias, Madrid; *Sweden*, Prof. A. G. E. Hultgren, professor of metallography, Tekniska Högskolan, Stockholm; *United States*, Prof. R. F. Mehl, director of the Metals Research Laboratory and head of the Department of Metallurgical Engineering, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, and Dr. R. A. Wilkins, vice-president (research and development), Revere Copper and Brass, Inc., Rome, N.Y.

Royal Aeronautical Society

THE Council of the Royal Aeronautical Society for the year 1949-50 has been announced as follows: *President*, Sir John S. Buchanan; *Past Presidents*, Dr. M. Roxbee Cox, Sir Frederick Handley Page; *Vice-Presidents*, Mr. W. G. A. Perring, Mr. N. E.

Rowe, Dr. H. C. Watts; *Council Members*, Lord Brabazon of Tara, Major G. P. Bulman, Mr. S. Camm, Mr. A. V. Cleaver, Dr. G. P. Douglas, Mr. G. R. Edwards, Mr. A. G. Elliott, Mr. W. S. Farren, Sir A. H. Roy Fedden, Sir Arthur Gouge, Major F. B. Halford, Prof. A. A. Hall, Mr. S. Scott Hall, Mr. J. W. F. Housego, Mr. P. G. Masefield, Mr. W. Tye, Capt. C. F. Uwins; *Honorary Librarian*, Mrs J. E. Hodgson; *Honorary Treasurer*, Capt. C. F. Uwins; *Solicitor*, Mr. L. A. Wingfield; *Secretary*, Capt. J. Laurence Pritchard.

Announcements

PROF. H. P. HIMSWORTH has been appointed by the Medical Research Council to be its secretary in succession to Sir Edward Mellanby, who retires on October 1. Dr. Himsworth is at present professor of medicine in the University of London and director of the Medical Unit at University College Hospital; he has been a member of the Council since February 1948.

THE Thomas Young Oration for 1949 of the Physical Society will be delivered by Mr. T. Smith on June 10; he will take as his subject "The Contributions of Thomas Young to Geometrical Optics, and their Application to Present-day Questions"

THE Royal Astronomical Society is arranging meetings to be held during June 30-July 2 in Manchester, in co-operation with the University of Manchester and the Manchester Astronomical Society. The programme includes a public lecture at the University, to be given by Dr. M. A. Ellison, of the Royal Observatory, Edinburgh, on "Sun, Radio and the Stars", on June 30; a visit to Jodrell Bank Experimental Station on the morning of July 1, followed by an ordinary meeting of the Royal Astronomical Society, and a dinner given by the Vice-Chancellor of the University; and a Geophysical Discussion on "Ionization in the Earth's Upper Atmosphere", to be held on July 2. Further information can be obtained from the Assistant Secretary, Royal Astronomical Society, Burlington House, London, W.1.

A CONFERENCE on "The Properties of Semi-Conducting Materials" is to be held at the University of Reading during July 11-14, 1950. The conference will be sponsored by the International Union of Physics, in co-operation with the Council of the Royal Society. It is hoped that papers will be read by prominent representatives from the United States and European countries. Details will be published later.

THE Royal Aeronautical Society announces that a scholarship to be known as the Royal Aeronautical Society Charter Scholarship, up to the value of £300 a year, will be awarded annually to assist a student wishing to undertake advanced work or study in aeronautics. Normally, the work should lead to a higher degree or postgraduate diploma, although this is not essential. Scholarships will in the first instance be awarded for a period of one year. Applications should reach the Secretary of the Society not later than June 30, stating the course it is intended to follow.

ERRATUM. In *Nature* of May 28, p. 833, it was stated that a summer school on electron microscopy will be held at the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge; the dates for this school are August 16-27.